In view of the above, the cost escalation has occured. The project is still under construction and the final cost will be known on its completion only. The latest estimated cost of Project estimated, by Society's Architect Rs. 6.91 Crores which approximately works out to be Rs. 162/- per sq. ft. and which by all standards with the prevailing price level has been considered to be most economical.

It may be appreciated that escalation in cost of flats is only for the above mentioned reasons and it is emphatically denied that this has been due to defective planning, execution, deviation in quantity or other irregularities as stated.

Even the auditors appointed by the Registrar Coop. Societies which audited the accounts of the society have not pointed out any irregularity in the execution/purchase of materials etc.

In view of the position explained above, the comparative statement and original estimated cost, quantity etc. and the revised cost is not required to be furnished.

Allotment of flat to Olympian Ashok Diwan

3231. SHRI N.E. BALARAM : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Olympian Ashok Diwan was proposed an out-of-turn allotment of a DDA flat under the scheme to honour sportsmen;

(b) whether the present Vice-Chairman of DDA assured him a favourable response;

(c) whether the Minister has received any representation from the sportsman ; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to fulfil the assurance given to the sportsman?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. However Shri Ashok Diwan has submitted an application to the Vice-Chairman, DDA in March, 1989, will be considered on its merits.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Representations of three sportsmen were received which have been forwarded to the Lt. Governor of Delhi for appropriate action. The Lt. Governor is competent to allot a flat out of his discretionary quota to a sportsman, who has a bonafide and urgent need for a house in Delhi, if he has brought glory to the nation and has been honoured with a national award.

Illegal termination of permanent Clerks/Typists and Sweepers from State Bank of Indore

3232. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Assistant Labour Commissioner (Central) Curzon Road New Delhi had forwarded a few cases to his Ministry regarding illegal termination of permanent Clerks/Typists and dailywages part-time (Sweepers) from the State Bank of Indore, during current year ;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government there on so far ;

(c) what are the reasons for not setting such cases on priority basis keeping in view the suffering of the employees terminated illegally by the State Bank of Indore, Delhi Branch; and

(d) what action is being taken against the officers who illegally terminate their employees and violate the Bank rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKRISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) to (d) One dispute relating to the dismissal of a workman and another regarding absorption of a part time workman as a full time Sweeper were referred by the Assistant Labour Commissioner (Central), New Delhi. While the dispute relating to the dismissal of the workman was referred to the Central Government Industrial Tribunal, New Delhi the other dispute was not found fit for adjudication as the person concerned was a permanent part time employee of the bank, and as such, not eligible for absorption as a full time Sweeper under the existing rules.

Auction of land meant for city centre and commercial activities

3233. SHRI RJANI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have a proposal to dispose of thousand acres of land owned by DDA meant for City Centre and other commercial activities by auction; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the area of land auctioned so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) As per policy all land meant for commercial activities including that in the city centres is disposed of by auction after development.

(b) Delhi Development Authority has disposed of by auction commercial, Cinema, Hotel, Nursing Home, Workshop, Godown shops, Cold Storage plots covering an area of about 160 acres in various parts of the Union Territory of Delhi.

Development Council for Fruits and Vegetable Processing Industries

3234. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Development Council for Fruits and Vegetable Processing Industries has been set up; and

(b) if so, what are the functions of the Council?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) A Development Council for the scheduled industries engaged in the manufacture of fruits, vegetables, beverages and plantation products industries has been constituted w.e.f. 11th May, 1989. Functions of Development Councils are enumerated in the Second Schedule to the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951.

Industrial Mission on pulses

3235. SHRI RAJNI RAJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up an Industrial Mission on production of pulses; and

(b) if so what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.